

PARCEL POST TO BE MADE STILL EASIER

Great Growth of a Month Has
Led to the Plan for
"C. O. D." Deliveries.

BIG CONCERNS PLEASED Express Companies Lose 75 Per Cent. of One Big Tailoring House's Business.

The busy men in the New York post office, which embraces Manhattan and The Bronx, handled 3,482,292 pieces of parcel post mail in February, as against 2,972,379 in January, with its thirty-one days, or an increase of 509,922 pieces. This is accepted as evidence that Uncle Sam's experience here as an expressman has fully justified his expectations.

That his new postal departure has been financially worth the while, so far as the local post office is concerned, is borne out by figures, showing that the gross receipts in February, 1913, amounted to \$2,284,369.19, or \$209,977.40 more than was taken in in January, 1913. As Uncle Sam has several thousand post offices that are making the most of the parcel post it is evident that the new system is stimulating business and is bringing about a great saving, by reason of the reduced rates, to the folks who pay the freight.

Although the business is growing by leaps and bounds the men who guide the destinies of the Post Office Department at Washington are making plans to extend the usefulness of the system. At the same time they are trying to meet the criticisms that have been made against the system by using ways of smoothing out the wrinkles which are now bothering Uncle Sam.

One of the most promising innovations starts on July 1 next, when the "C. O. D. service" will go into effect. On payment of a 10 cent fee by the sender Uncle Sam will undertake to collect from the addressee the price of the article sent by parcel post, together with the amount of postage due for sending. By this method if a woman goes into a store and sees something that she thinks she wants very much, but doesn't happen to have the wherewithal to purchase, she can make her arrangement with the sales person and go away happy in the certainty that the parcel postman will act as the collector for the store.

The amount to be collected in this fashion will be limited to \$100 and the parcel will be insured against loss without additional charge. A "C. O. D. parcel post package" cannot be examined by the addressee before a receipt has been made out for it and the package cannot be returned, except as a new mailing.

Several new regulations have been added to the parcel post rules of January 1 which have increased the public's liking for the service, one of the most notable of which was the "special delivery" feature. Now if you are in a big hurry to have a parcel post package reach its destination all that is necessary is to mark it "special delivery" and affix to it a regular special delivery stamp or 10 cents in ordinary stamps.

It is also possible now to include in parcel post packages invoices, such as are commonly sent in express packages, descriptive of the articles mailed.

At John Wanamaker's department store, the pioneer store to establish a parcel post delivery as a supplement to its regular wagon deliveries, it was declared that the parcel post has undoubtedly facilitated business. Uncle Sam's delivery was highly praised.

"We have had no confusion or trouble thus far," said Manager Harris. "In all the packages that we mailed by parcel post during January we had no trouble at all except in three cases, and two of these were unimportant."

"During January we insured all packages, but as the happy result of our experience, there being no losses, we concluded that it was not necessary to spend money for insurance, and in February we assumed the risk ourselves and didn't insure."

The National Cloak and Suit Company, 207 West Twenty-fourth street, perhaps the biggest of all the patrons of the parcel post in New York, does 95 per cent. of its business by means of this branch of the postal service. "The express companies formerly did 80 per cent. of our business," said Arthur Rosenbaum of the company, "but now they do not get more than 5 per cent. of it."

"We find that the service is very good and the expense is of course less. The service is better in that respect that we assert our addressed packages into States and the packages go in bulk direct from our shipping plant. There are Post Office department employees there who do the stamping, and no time is lost in sending the packages on their journey."

"There are three principal complaints that can be made about the present parcel post system. First, the way they handle the stuff. It is done in very bad shape. Many packages handled are crushed in transit. Second, they should stop putting parcel post mail in bags and put them in crates instead. Third, express companies use trucks. The trouble seems to be that a box containing merchandise is dropped into a bag and on top of it they will put a piece of machinery or something else that is liable to do damage."

"The post office doesn't seem to have enough facilities to handle the great volume of packages. There are not apparently enough bags for the city supply alone. In the third place the Government ought to issue parcel post stamps of different color for the different denominations. Now it's almost impossible to tell a dollar stamp from a penny stamp."

NEW HOME FOR BRONX Y. M. C. A.

Site at 160th Street and Washington Avenue to Be Covered.

The Union Branch of the Young Men's Christian Association, the only branch in The Bronx, has acquired land at 160th Street and Washington Avenue on which a new home will be built. The present headquarters for the branch is at 549 East 149th Street.

The new building will occupy a site fronting 150 feet on 160th Street and 200 feet on Washington Avenue. A bicycle track, cinder path, tennis and handball courts will be provided for on the roof. The building will have a gymnasium and swimming pool and will cost about \$360,000 in excess of what the association expects to get at the sale of its present home.

TAFT BARS INTERVIEWERS.

Ex-President Pleads He Is In Augusta for Recreation.

Augusta, Ga., March 9.—Ex-President Taft spent a quiet Sunday. In the morning he went to the First Baptist Church with Dr. Nicholas Murray Butler. Mrs. Taft and Miss Helen and other members of the party attended service at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, which was built on the site of a Revolutionary War fort. Major Archibald W. Hunt was a member of St. Paul's and all of the members of his family residing here are communicants.

After luncheon Mr. Taft dictated letters to his secretary, W. W. Mischler, and late in the afternoon went driving. Tomorrow evening Mr. Taft will motor to Bath for an opussum supper at Miss Rosalind Green's place. On Tuesday evening Mr. Taft and Mrs. Henry A. Strong of Rochester, N. Y., will entertain Mr. and Mrs. Taft at an informal dinner at the Country Club. There will be about sixty guests.

Local newspaper men have made efforts to interview the former President, but he has begged to be excused, saying he came here for rest and recreation only. In the last few days the following New Yorkers have arrived here: Miss Winifred Root, D. F. Harrington, Mrs. G. L. Higgins, Mr. and Mrs. John C. Goodrich, Miss Margaret Goodrich, Miss Hazel Bliss, Charles G. Phillips, Henry A. Jones and Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Kent.

DARTMOUTH TO HAVE A BUSINESS HEAD

Professor Keyes Chosen for
New Departure in College
Administration.

HANOVER, N. H., March 9.—That the trustees of Dartmouth College have decided to separate the educational from the business functions of the president of the college by the establishment of a business directorate and the election to that position of Homer Eaton Keyes, '99, now assistant professor of the department of fine arts, was announced this evening.

The trustees created the new position, an original move in college administration, at their regular meeting yesterday. President Nichols had urged that Dartmouth's business interests be placed in the hands of an executive whose whole time shall be devoted to them.

President Nichols, while being freed from purely business cares, parts with none of his authority in any sphere of the college. The president will have greater opportunity to develop educational ideas.

The new business executive will organize the different departments to get the maximum economy and efficiency. He will present to the president and trustees the requirements of subordinate departments and in dealing with those departments will be recognized as having full authority.

CENTRAL SUBSIDIARIES PROSPER

Revenues of Lake Shore Greatest in the Road's History.

The reports of the subsidiaries of the New York Central Railroad for the year ended December 31, 1912, show a prosperous year.

The report of the Lake Shore and Michigan Southern Railway Company shows that the revenues for the past year were \$54,283,616.52, the largest in the history of the road and an increase of \$5,222,619.39 over those of 1911. The net revenue from rail operations was \$18,748,972.16, an increase of \$2,831,850.12 over the year previous. Interest deductions for funded debt were \$6,674,440.31, or \$110,634.26 more than last year. The surplus for the year is \$7,844,384.96, or an increase of \$2,435,365.32.

The Michigan Central railroad Company showed a revenue of \$32,911,753.07 from rail operations, which was an increase of \$2,542,242.00 over the year before, and a net revenue from the above operations of \$9,902,997.44, an increase of \$1,084,262.13. The interest deductions for funded debt were \$2,989,956.28 and for unfunded debt \$1,928,984.94. The surplus for the year was \$1,692,052.88, an increase of \$609,968.16.

The Pittsburgh and Lake Erie Railroad Company reported that its rail operations a revenue of \$18,162,118.50, which is an increase of \$2,853,557.88 over the year 1911, and a net revenue from these operations of \$1,553,377.07, or \$1,654,438.12 more than last year. The corporate income was \$7,323,091.13, which is \$1,224,531.29 more than the year previous. The surplus for the year is \$4,324,241.75, or an increase of \$1,450,450.94.

The Cleveland, Cincinnati, Chicago and St. Louis Railway Company reports from rail operations \$22,714,238.27, which shows an increase over the year 1911 of \$2,282,324.41, and a net revenue from these operations of \$8,364,493.74, or an increase of \$608,256.69. The surplus for the year aggregates \$1,844,351.75, or \$542,736.18 more than last year.

The Peoria and Eastern Railway Company from its rail operations shows a revenue of \$3,429,866.91, or an increase of \$111,533.65. The surplus for the year contracted with that of the year before shows a gain of \$137,383.33.

The Cincinnati Northern Railroad Company from its rail operations in the year of 1912 a revenue of \$1,418,645.39, an increase of \$189,969.25 over the year of 1911. The interest on the funded debt was \$40,000, which was the same as in 1911. The year's surplus is \$29,450, or \$17,913.94 more than the year previous.

Dying, He Won't Tell Who Shot Him.

Lawrence Henry of 453 West Thirtieth Street is dying in Roosevelt Hospital with a bullet wound in the left side. Though conscious he has refused to tell who shot him. He says maybe he will feel that he is going to die. Henry attended a dance in a hall at Seventh Avenue and Fifty-second Street Saturday night. He was shot there.

CITY JOTTINGS.

Irving Gold, 25, of 158 Park Avenue, was arrested Saturday for picking pockets and holding a dangerous weapon. He was taken to the police station and held for trial on Tuesday.

Three men pleaded guilty yesterday to stealing a typewriter in the chapel of the Seamen's Institute, 507 West Street. Frederick Randolph, Brooklyn, and Ernest Randolph were each held for trial under \$1,000 bail.

John Wilmoth, 34 years old, a carpenter out of work, committed suicide yesterday afternoon by inhaling gas in a furnished room at 418 Clinton Avenue. He was found by a neighbor, a woman, who was arrested last night by Detective Hresnan at Thirty-fifth Street and Seventh Avenue, as one of the men tried to rob the apartment of Jacobo Formi-Fara, Italian Consul-General, on March 4.

FIGHT STOCK TRANSFER TAX.

Each Legislator to Hear From Merchants Association Committee.

One of the so-called Stock Exchange bills, which proposes to double the State tax on transfers of stock, and which the Merchants Association says will seriously menace the financial supremacy of this city, is to be made the subject of a vigorous protest by a special committee of the association, which is to go to Albany on Wednesday.

MABON HITS BACK AT N. Y. BANK NOTE CO.

President Kendall Evaded Exchange Rule Before 1892,
He Says.

CRITICISES FIRM'S WORK Stillwell Bill Makes It Hard to Prevent Forgery of Securities.

One of the strongest statements ever issued by the New York Stock Exchange was given yesterday by President James R. Mabon as a reply to the criticism which resulted in the introduction by Senator Stillwell, at the request of Gov. Sulzer, of a bill intended to put an end to the exchange's rule that no securities can be listed that have not been engraved by a concern approved by the governing committee.

The whole question, according to the authorities of the exchange, is based upon their action in refusing to approve of the qualifications of the New York Bank Note Company. The pending bill they describe as "a bill to compel the exchange to admit to its list securities engraved by that company."

George H. Kendall, president of the New York Bank Note Company, has persistently declared that the American Bank Note Company had a monopoly of the engraving of securities and he brought suit against the Stock Exchange about three years ago.

A bitter attack upon Kendall and his business methods is contained in the statement from the exchange.

The statement says: "The exchange has heretofore kept silence in regard to the attacks made upon it by Kendall, deeming that the proper form in which to refute the charges made by him was the court in which the action of the New York Bank Note Company has been brought, and that in the minds of all fair minded men the form and manner of the charges would deprive them of weight. Inasmuch, however, as members of the Legislature have apparently attached sufficient importance to these charges to introduce bills for Kendall's benefit, it has become necessary to explain the position of the exchange."

Prior to the organization of the New York Bank Note Company Kendall was the active manager of another company of the same name organized under the laws of New Jersey. Prior to 1892, the New Jersey company was one of the companies whose work might be admitted to the stock list.

The records of the exchange show that during this period Kendall repeatedly evaded the requirements of the exchange regarding the engraving of securities, failed to furnish samples of securities for inspection in advance of delivery, and neglected its requirements in respect to the color of securities, had engraving work done outside of the exchange, and regarded repeated promises of amendment, and instead of commending his work to the exchange by its excellence presented work of inferior character and to require constant vigilance on its part.

"The committee on stock list was compelled to reject many issues engraved by his company and in at least one instance had to reject an entire issue, as the engraving was a condition of admission."

From 1888 until 1892 efforts were continued to secure from Kendall's company loyal cooperation with the exchange in its endeavor to maintain a high standard of engraving and workmanship. These efforts were seconded by gentlemen of high character and standing who until 1892 were connected with the New York Bank Note Company. In 1892 these gentlemen severed their connection with the management of the New York Bank Note Company. Their reason for so doing was stated to the committee on stock list as one of their number in the presence of others.

"After the withdrawal of these gentlemen, the present New York Bank Note Company of West Virginia was organized. Since its organization, so far as the exchange has been informed, it has been under management of men of high character and standing who until 1892 were connected with the New York Bank Note Company. In 1892 these gentlemen severed their connection with the management of the New York Bank Note Company. Their reason for so doing was stated to the committee on stock list as one of their number in the presence of others."

"The facts that have been brought to the attention of the exchange since 1892 do not indicate that there has been any marked improvement in the character of the management of the New York Bank Note Company or any marked improvement in the character of the work to be executed by it."

Kendall's charges that the American Bank Note Company enjoys a monopoly and that his own company was excluded by the exchange because of the personal interest of the exchange governors are wholly false and malicious and proper standard of any standard of engraving, or to insist upon precautions against the misuse of plates and the forgery of securities."

There are in reality so few companies whose work is admitted to the stock list that it is impossible for the exchange to have a proper standard of any standard of engraving, or to insist upon precautions against the misuse of plates and the forgery of securities."

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Stock Exchange, the arbitrage business and stock issuing corporations gave their objection to the Well-Stillwell bill. This report was summed up in a resolution adopted by the executive committee of the Merchants Association.

The resolution expresses its strong disapproval of the proposed measure, declaring that it will cause great injury to the legitimate business interests of this city by making other leading cities more attractive stock markets than New York because less expensive.

It will greatly diminish the volume of stock transactions in this State, the Merchants Association thinks, and thereby tend to diminish instead of to increase the revenue from this source of taxation. In effect, the resolution is, it is a special tax upon an occupation, and as such unjust and oppressive.

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KNICKERBOCKER B'way & 4th St. Evs. 8:20. Mat. 2:30. JULIA SANDERSON JOSEPH IN THE SUNSHINE GIRL. CATHY THORN.

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CRITERION B'way, 4th St. Evs. 8:20. Mat. 2:30. Robert Hilliard "HAVE YOU EVER SEEN A STIFF UPPER LIP?"

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FULTON 40th St. W. of B'way. Evs. 8:20. Mat. 2:30. RUTH ST. DENIS

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NEW AMSTERDAM B'way, 4th St. Evs. 8:20. Mat. 2:30. OH! OH! DELPHINE

LIBERTY W. 42nd St. Evs. 8:20. Mat. 2:30. LAST 2 MILESTONES

GAITY B'way & 4th St. Evs. 8:20. Mat. 2:30. "STOP THIEF" A Farce by Carlisle Moore

PARK 30th St. Col. Circle. Evs. 8:20. Mat. 2:30. THE MIRACLE

GLOBE Special Mat. Wednesday. Montgomery & Stone. The Lady of the Slipper

METROPOLITAN OPERA HOUSE To-night, 8:15. Tosca. (The Italian Girl). Wed. at 8:15. Tosca. (The Italian Girl). Thurs. at 8:15. Tosca. (The Italian Girl).

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